

6 FAM 1530 ASSIGNMENT OF INTERPRETERS TO OFFICIAL VISITS AND HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS

6 FAM 1531 OFFICIAL INTERPRETING ARRANGEMENTS

(TL:GS-1; 8-22-91)
(State Only)

a. Arrangements for any personnel, including Departmental and Foreign Service or employees of other Government agencies, to serve as official interpreters for visits or high-level meetings will be made by the Office of Language Services (A/OPR/LS) in consultation with other pertinent areas of the Department involved in the event such as the Office of Protocol, the Secretariat, or geographic bureaus.

b. The Office of Language Services may assign interpreters from its own staff or roster of private contractors or arrange for the detail of qualified Foreign Service or Departmental officers or officers from other agencies. LS ascertains that assigned officers or contractors possess the necessary qualifications and interpreting aptitude.

6 FAM 1532 NOTIFICATION OF A/OPR/LS/I

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Departmental officers who are responsible for arrangements for meetings of the Secretary or the Secretary's designated representatives with ranking foreign officials shall inform the Chief of the Interpreting Division of A/OPR/LS of anticipated interpreting needs as soon as possible. Without timely notification, the Office of Language Services may not be able to assure adequate language support as the senior interpreters are frequently in travel status and may not be available on short notice. Nonprofessional backup interpreters may have to be assigned if the interpreting requirement is not known early enough.

6 FAM 1533 INTERPRETER ASSIGNMENTS BY OVERSEAS POSTS

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All U.S. missions in other countries shall consult with the Office of Language Services before making any interpreter assignments for high-ranking U.S. visitors, formal negotiations, or major official events.

6 FAM 1534 THROUGH 1539 UNASSIGNED